

MARCH 2022 PROGRAMS

Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round to support park operations. Purchase day passes for \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out-of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machines in the parking lots or use the YODEL website: massdcrparks.yodelpass.com . **No Cash Sales.** Free WiFi (MassIT-Public) at the Visitor Center. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking availability.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.**

Trail conditions change daily. **Weather or icy conditions may cancel programs.** Please call the Visitor Center in advance to confirm.

All organized group visitations require advanced reservations.

To arrange group visitation: walden.programs@mass.gov or (978)405-2082.

During warm weather and holidays, the park closes frequently, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure status updates .

Daily
10:00am-
4:00pm

Visitor Center

Thoreau Exhibits, *Walden* Ken Burns film and Art Gallery

Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through exhibits, art exhibition and film. The 22-minute film shows every 1/2 hour. Visit the Gallery to enjoy artwork by local artist Richard T. Brady.

Daily
7:00am-
4:00pm

Self-guided StoryWalk®

Family fun on the *Woods Path* trail for all ages *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Step into winter to discover the Vermont local who taught us “no two snowflake are alike!” This story of science and beauty is posted on the universally designed *Woods Path*. An easy 1/2 mile trail, on a crushed stone surface.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.”

Daily

At the Thoreau House Replica

Explore the Thoreau House Replica to learn about the author and naturalist’s life in the woods during a 10 minute chat with a Park Interpreter. Programs are ongoing. See reverse side for specific dates, times, and topics. Thoreau House Replica is located by the main parking lot. In bad weather programs relocate to the Visitor Center.

Sundays
March
6 & 13

Beavers are Back - Heywood’s Hike!

1:00pm-2:30pm, Meet at the Visitor Center - all ages

Learn about Beaver habitats on a one-mile guided walk to secluded Heywood’s Meadow. Look for signs of these fascinating animals, once hunted near extinction for their fur. Wear sturdy footwear. Dress for the weather.

Saturdays
March
5, 12, 19

Winter Tree ID Woods Walk

1:00pm-2:30pm, Meet at the Visitor Center - all ages

Join a Park Interpreter to learn easy winter tree identification. We will explore local trees to examine characteristics such as branch arrangement of our native species. Approximately one mile. Wear sturdy footwear. Dress for the weather.



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Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Walden Talks At the Thoreau House Replica

Drop into Henry's home and life at Walden during these short ongoing programs at the Thoreau House Replica, located by the main parking lot. In bad weather programs relocate to the Visitor Center.

March 1-19 **Thoreau's Stay at Walden**

March 22-24 **11:00am-noon, Replica - all ages**

March 29-31 Explore the Thoreau House Replica to learn about the poet/naturalist's life in the woods during a 10 minute chat with a Park Interpreter.

Tuesdays in March **Demystifying Thoreau**

1:00pm-2:00pm, Replica - all ages

Debunk the many misunderstandings and legends surrounding Henry David Thoreau and learn the truth about this complex writer, naturalist, activist and inventor.

Wednesdays in March **Thoreau's Night in Jail**

1:00pm-2:00pm, Replica - all ages

Thoreau walked from his house at Walden Pond to town and was arrested for not paying his taxes, an expression of his anti-slavery views. Join a Park Interpreter in conversation about the influence of Thoreau's actions on that day.

Thursdays in March **Former Inhabitants of Walden Road**

1:00pm-2:00pm, Replica - all ages

Hear Thoreau's recounting of the lives of past Walden inhabitants including formerly enslaved persons Zilpah White and Cato Ingraham, who eked out a living along the Walden Road.

Fridays **Frozen Water Trade**

March **1:00pm-2:00pm, Replica - all ages**

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From his house Thoreau watched hundreds of workers arrive by train to harvest ice from Walden Pond in 1846. Try old tools of the trade and hear about Frederick Tudor, Boston's "Ice King" who shipped Walden ice as far away as India!

More self-guided opportunities: <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code

